

Jail Population Management Subcommittee
of the
Sanford “Sandy” Krasnoff Criminal Justice Council

MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, September 21, 2015

3:00pm – 4:00pm

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| I. | Welcoming and Opening Remarks | Deputy Mayor Kopplin |
| II. | Updates on Current Jail Population | Sarah Schirmer |
| III. | Review of Strategic Plan | Sarah Schirmer |
| | a. Initiatives | |
| | b. Progress made since last meeting | |
| IV. | Vote on Adoption of Strategic Plan | Deputy Mayor Kopplin |
| V. | Next Steps | Sarah Schirmer |
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| | b. MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge | |
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Criminal Justice Council Jail Population Management Subcommittee

Minutes

September 21, 2015

On September 21st, the Jail Population Management Subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council convened at 3:07 pm in the 9th floor Homeland Security Conference Room in City Hall. The following persons were present/absent:

Jail Population Management Subcommittee Members

Present:

Andy Kopplin – Subcommittee Chair
Arthur Morrell
Blake Arcuri (attending on behalf of Sheriff
Marlin Gusman)
Charles West
Chief Defender Derwyn Bunton
Chris Bowman (attending on behalf of Leon
Cannizzaro)
Frank Palestina
Honorable Susan Guidry
Judge Camille Buras
Judge Harry Cantrell
Linda Launey (on behalf of Judge Bobby
Jones)
Ranord Darensbourg (attending on behalf of
Judge Candace Bates-Anderson)
Sharonda Williams
Superintendent Michael Harrison

Absent:

Chief Judge Desiree Charbonnet
Chief Judge Benedict Willard
Jeffrey Rouse
Judge Laurie White

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination Staff

Present:

Sarah Schirmer
Melody Chang
DuBois Winford

I. Welcoming and Opening Remarks

Deputy Mayor Kopplin called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. in the Homeland Security Conference Room on the 9th floor of City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Kopplin welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for their continued cooperation. The purpose of the meeting was to briefly review the proposed strategic plan, and vote on support for the plan and agreement to participate in its implementation.

II. Updates on Current Jail Population

Sarah Schirmer gave the Subcommittee an updated “snapshot” of the jail population from August 12, 2015. The sub-populations that make up the largest portion of the population and have the longest detention period continue to be the felony and misdemeanor pretrial population, the DOC sentenced population, and the alleged probation and parole violators.

III. Review of Strategic Plan

a. Initiatives

Ms. Schirmer reviewed the proposed strategic plan and projected impact presented at the July Subcommittee meeting. An initiative was added to distinguish between the current implementation of the expanded implementation of aiSmartBench in Criminal District Court, which has been led by Judge Laurie White, and the implementation of the software in Municipal Court, which has not yet begun.

Judge Camille Buras asked whether judges would be consulted during the advocacy efforts to expand the eligible ROR statutes. Charles West replied that while the City would lead the overall initiative, judges and others will be a key part of determining which charges should be proposed for inclusion in the statute. In response to a question from Councilmember Susan Guidry, Ms. Schirmer confirmed that video conferencing will not be included as one of the initiatives in the strategic plan.

b. Progress made since last meeting

Ms. Schirmer presented on initiatives that have made progress since the last meeting by some Subcommittee members. The initiatives are: Expedited Screening for Victimless Crimes, Arrest on Capias Notification, and Implementation of aiSmartBench in Criminal District Court.

IV. Vote on Adoption of Strategic Plan

Deputy Mayor Kopplin invited final comments and questions on the strategic plan. There was brief discussion among the Subcommittee.

- The pretrial decision matrix will provide bond amount ranges rather than guidelines.
- Supervision services will be recommended based on risk level, charge, and criminal history. A needs assessment is only appropriate for those who need supervision.

- The pretrial decision matrix will incorporate New Orleans Pretrial Services information that is already available but will encourage consistency in decision making among different sections of magistrate court.
- Bond amount ranges may resemble bail schedules which are unconstitutional, so implementation of the initiative will require input from attorneys. There is a way to frame the language in the pretrial decision matrix so that it facilitates consistency among decision makers without making mandatory guidelines.

Deputy Mayor Kopplin invited comments and questions from the public.

- A community member asked whether the needs assessment will distinguish between different levels of mental health needs. Mr. West replied that the Subcommittee has not yet determined that level of detail in the needs assessment.

Deputy Mayor Kopplin asked for a motion to approve the strategic plan and adopt the plan for full implementation.

Councilmember Susan Guidry made the motion to approve.

Sharonda Williams seconded.

There was no public comment.

All in favor – no nays – no abstentions.

V. Next Steps

a. Strategic Plan

Ms. Schirmer described the next steps for implementation of the strategic plan. The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Coordination will move forward with urgency in providing support, project management, and coordination. The team will reach out to Subcommittee members to identify an Initiative Owner who will work closely with the team to develop an initiative charter. The Subcommittee will reconvene bi-monthly to receive initiative updates and function as oversight of the successful implementation of the plan.

b. MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge

Ms. Schirmer reported progress on the MacArthur Safety & Justice Challenge planning team. The team will submit a proposal to reduce the jail population to the MacArthur Foundation in January 2016. The team will meet again in two weeks and convene in Chicago in October with other sites in the Challenge. The City and Sheriff's Office is committed to including the broader community in the process by hosting community stakeholder meetings.

Cooperation on the Subcommittee's strategic plan will demonstrate to the MacArthur Foundation the city's ability to execute a plan and produce results.

VI. Feedback from Subcommittee Members

There were no additional comments or feedback from any Subcommittee members. Deputy Mayor Kopplin appreciates the progress already made and looks forward to re-convening the Subcommittee for more updates.

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.